STAR Test Instructions

IMPORTANT:

- Parent help is needed for steps 1-5. Review steps 6-9 with student before starting.
- Students MUST work alone for the rest of the test. Helping student will result in inaccurate scores which will impact reading level and future tests.
- Students should ONLY take a STAR test when directed by their teacher. These are only taken at certain intervals throughout the school year.

1. To take a STAR test, start by clicking on the Renaissance Learning or Accelerated Reader icon from your teacher’s learning page or from the student section of the Zach Website.

2. Select, “I’m a Student“:

3. Login with your credentials. Your user name is your student ID also sometimes called your lunch number. The password is your pin followed by your initials typed in 2 times. Then click “Log in”.

4. Select the BLUE icon for Star Reading:

5. Press “Start“. Make sure you’re ready to complete the whole test before doing this as the test is timed. It has 34 questions and may take up to 40 minutes to complete depending on your reading level and how carefully you test. If you are new to STAR, you will be first given a practice test. Early readers may be finished after this practice test which is normal. Experienced readers will move on to the full test. VERY IMPORTANT: This test is to be taken without assistance. If you don’t know a word or answer just do your best and move on to the next
question. Also, as mentioned above, the STAR test should ONLY be taken when directed by your teacher. It is taken at specific intervals only.

6. Read the question and click on your answer. Then click Next.

7. If you ever see a clock at the top of your screen, it means you are almost out of time. Go ahead and select your answer and click “next”. If you run out of time, you will automatically be directed to the next question.

8. If you ever see a large amount of text, you may read the question first and then read the paragraph. This is a great test taking strategy to help you know what you are looking for when reading.

9. When you finish the final question, you will see a message like the one below. Click, “okay”.

   A seal could wink at a boy.
   A boy could run to the water.
   A seal could talk to a boy.
Congratulations!
You’ve finished the test.